
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CENTRE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

A Conference of Plenipotentiaries, which met in Caracas, Venezuela, from 8 to 11 September 1981, adopted the aforementioned Agreement setting up, outside the framework of FAO, the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (CARRDLA).

In accordance with paragraph 2, Article XV, the Agreement was open for signature in Caracas on 11 September 1981 and remains open for signature at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

In accordance with paragraph 4, Article XV, the Agreement will enter into force with respect to all States that have ratified it or acceded to it on the date when instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited by the Government of the host State and by the Governments of at least five other eligible States.

Signatories and Parties to the Agreement

The following are the signatories and the participant that deposited its instrument on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Ratification
Bolivia	11 Sep 1981	
Costa Rica	11 Sep 1981	
Cuba	11 Sep 1981	
Dominican Republic	11 Sep 1981	
Ecuador	11 Sep 1981	
El Salvador	11 Sep 1981	
Grenada	11 Sep 1981	
Honduras	11 Sep 1981	
Nicaragua	11 Sep 1981	28 Jul 1982
Panama	11 Sep 1981	
Peru	11 Sep 1981	
Saint Lucia	11 Sep 1981	
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	11 Sep 1981	

Protocol of Panama

As Ecuador, the host State, had not become a party to the Agreement, and consequently the Agreement could not enter into force, some countries in the region requested the Director-General of FAO to convene a Conference of Plenipotentiaries with a view to the adoption of a Protocol primarily to amend Article II, which specifies that the seat of the Centre shall be in

Ecuador. The Conference met in Panama City, Republic of Panama, on 16 and 17 July 1985, and adopted the Protocol to Amend the Agreement for the Establishment of a Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In accordance with Article II of the Protocol, the seat of the Centre is to be the Dominican Republic, unless that State has not deposited an instrument of ratification or accession in respect of the Protocol on the date of its entry into force. In which case, the Governing Council shall determine the seat of the Centre.

In accordance with paragraph 2, Article IV, the Protocol was open for signature on 17 and 18 July 1985 in Panama City, and remains open for signature at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

In accordance with paragraph 5, Article IV, the Protocol will enter into force with respect to all States that have ratified it or acceded to it, on the date when instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited by the governments of at least six of the eligible States.

Participants

The following are the States that signed or deposited instruments of ratification on the corresponding date indicated below:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Ratification
Colombia	17 Jul 1985	
Cuba	17 Jul 1985	
Ecuador	17 Jul 1985	
El Salvador	17 Jul 1985	
Grenada	17 Jul 1985	
Guatemala	17 Jul 1985	
Honduras	17 Jul 1985	
Nicaragua	17 Jul 1985	
Panama	17 Jul 1985	6 Dec 1985
Saint Kitts and Nevis	17 Jul 1985	